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## LET BABY WEEK BE OBSERVED

BY proclamation of Governor Boyle, this is "Baby Week" in Nevada. This is not a mere sentimental innovation, but one of the gravest interest and farspread in its extent.

"Is Baby Week the business of a Government Bureau?" The observing taxpayer is perhaps asking this question. Ever since last October when the General Federation of Women's clubs announced its plan, an increasing proportion of the bureau's office force has been detailed to the correspondence required by the growing interest in the nation-wide observance of Baby Week.

The sociologist and the statistician will remind us that the bureau was created to make investigations pertaining to the welfare of children and that Baby Week is not an investigation and is not statistics. To all these groups we are accountable. What is our reply?

For the three years the bureau has been in existence it has put a considerable share of its energy into a statistical study of the social and economic causes of infant mortality, planned with the greatest care and conducted by trained field agents with all possible precision. The results of this inquiry are being published, as the law requires, in a series of reports which consist of statistical tabulations accompanied by descriptive text.

There are many million fathers and mothers in the United States, including many of the best educated fathers and mothers, who have never read a statistical table and never will. Yet hidden within the figures of the bureau's reports on infant mortality, the reading of which they will successfully evade, lie stern facts about the dangers which beset American babies. These figures give a clue to the reasons why, on the great average, one baby in eight dies before the end of the first year of life. They show that this average obscures a wide gamut with comparative immunity from infant loss at one end and with fearful infant waste at the other.

If the bureau is to investigate and to report as the law directs, then it must try to find ways of reporting which will be heard by the whole public which it was created to serve. The popular methods of the Baby Week, which are those of all astute advertisers, form an invaluable method of reporting to the parents of this nation those standards of infant welfare which experts are endeavoring to make clear. The Baby Week emphasizes the constructive side of infant care. It addresses not only individual parents but communities.

The best test of its value will be the work that follows it. Undoubtedly every state board of health should secure what only six states have at present—a special division of child hygiene. No city or town should fail to provide instructive nursing service and to pay constant heed to the problems of hygiene and sanitation, of proper housing and of recreation spaces, since all these immediately affect the welfare of infants.

There are 3,009 counties in the United States. In every county seat there should be a center for the health work of that county—a station for examining babies, and older children, and for furnishing expert advice for keeping them well—in short, a health teaching center. We must have complete birth registration.

All these will be institutions for the common use—no more revolutionary, no more eleemosynary, than public schools and weather bureaus and agricultural experiment stations. The New Zealand infant mortality rate is less than one-half of our and is being further reduced. Why take less pains for American babies than New Zealand takes?

## WHY NOT CATS ALSO?

FAITHFUL FIDO is getting what his enemies term his just deserts in Nevada at present, being muzzled and tagged, the former causing him annoyance and the latter grieving his master. Meanwhile Madame Grimaikin, she who is feline and feminine, in contrast with Fido who is canine and masculine, continues to enjoy her nocturnal solos and duets on the back yard fence undisturbed by either the law or the myrmidons thereof.

Fido is a friend of mankind. Grimaikin is a selfish creature, rarely responsive to affection except for the caresses, shelter and food to be thereby obtained. You must punish Master Fido and he will accept it whimpering and apologetically, but if it becomes necessary to correct Madame Grimaikin her claws come forth from their sheaths, and poisonous claws they are. Her needle-like teeth—venomous teeth—are embedded in your hands and blood poisoning may result. There is danger of worse than blood poisoning to be feared now. The dreaded hydrophobia afflicts cats as well as dogs. It is transmitted through the saliva into an abrasure.

Beware of fondling cats at this time, or at any other time, particularly until the danger of rabies shall have passed, if it ever does pass.

This is not written in enmity for pussy. She is at times almost canine in her devotion, even though it still displays selfishness. But let it be remembered that the savagery of a member of her tribe is causing the relatives and friends and the physician of a woman of Millers great concern at present, because of an unprovoked attack.

The Bonanza would suggest that if dogs are to be shot and their bodies thrown on the city dump, there should also be a general cleanup made of the cats of Tonopah, particularly the nomads that are mostly likely to be exposed to the dread disease.

## DEMOCRATS ADMIT FINANCIAL FAILURE

ONE of the best arguments for the Republican protective tariff policy has been furnished by the Democratic party.

This comment was made by Representative Charles B. Timberlake of Colorado on the recent action of the Democratic caucus pledging support to the bill for retaining the present duty on sugar.

"In the first place, this proposal to maintain the present sugar tax is an admission by the Democrats of the financial failure of their administration," said Mr. Timberlake. "Confronted by an ever-increasing deficit in the treasury, and at their wits' end how to meet it, they are forced to recognize Republican principle to prevent a further annual loss of about \$40,000,000 in revenue.

"Furthermore, the secondary effect of the Democratic reduction of about 50 cents per hundred pounds in the sugar duty constitutes another admission of failure. When the Democrats advocated free sugar, they claimed that the price of sugar to the consumer would be reduced in proportion to the reduction in duty. But what are the facts?

"The partial reduction in the sugar duty wiped out the cane sugar industry of the United States. It partially destroyed the beet sugar industry and completely blocked its further development. It conferred a benefit upon the sugar industry in foreign countries. It reduced the annual customs revenues about ten millions. At the same time the price of sugar in America has remained practically the same.

"In short, this one item in the Democratic tariff law has reduced our revenues, tremendously damaged American industry, aided foreign competitors, and has been of no benefit whatever to American consumers.

"It is not surprising that individual Democrats in the recent caucus refused to abide by its decision because it was furnishing ammunition to their opponents. The Republican convention has been completely justified."

## CLIPPED AND CREDITED

"Call me anything but Colonel," says the Hon. Bill Taft. Grand Georgia chorus. All right, Major.—New Orleans States.

Jane Addams says China existed a thousand years without an army. Uh, huh, and then Japan woke up.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The president says the United States must be able to do more than write notes. So he, too, is beginning to realize that?—Indianapolis Star.

A professor says that after the war women will be a drug on the market. Then all the men left after the shooting will become addicted to the drug habit.—Los Angeles Times.

The Illinois Naval Reserve purchased the steamer Eastland that turned over with an excursion party. Let us hope that the reserve is not too reserved to learn to swim.—Minneapolis Journal.

Edison says he would rather work than attend a banquet. In other words, he'd rather than eat.—Albany Argus.

Now that Mr. Taft has spoken for preparedness, it would be just like the Colonel to go a step further and demand war at once.—Augusta Chronicle.

Jack Johnson has been fined in London. He is getting up a collection of police court records that will be the most complete on earth.—Florida Times Union.

A Wisconsin pastor says religion is a business and should be advertised. We may yet have the bargain-sale sermon.—Detroit Free Press.

According to Mr. Schwab, brains are much more to be desired than money, but it is hard to get the low-browed tradesman to take that view of it.—Nashville Tennessean.

## BITTEN BY A RABID WILDCAT

About 8 o'clock this morning Cullio, the 16-year-old son of Marcellino Lucerica, was bitten by a supposed rabid coyote at his father's ranch at Oregon canyon, twenty miles north of McDermitt. The cat sprang from the blacksmith shop as the boy was passing the door and bit him in the back. Men on the ranch ran to the boy's assistance and killed the animal.

A strange shepherd dog, apparently mad, created considerable excitement in the western part of town yesterday afternoon.—Winemucca Star.

## HAS LARGE MEMBERSHIP

When the directors of the Reno Commercial club passed on 56 applications for membership to the club last night, the 1,000 mark was reached, in fact the total membership to-day is 1,006.—Gazette.

## PREHISTORIC FOSSILS

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